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DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING AND LOOKING AHEAD TO 2009

By John Roach

Looking out the window, it's easy to see that the year is rapidly winding down. Fallen leaves are still scattered across the lawn and traces of snow drift in the suddenly chilly air. But, there are still a few things to do before the holiday celebrations begin. At the top of my list is planning the December meeting. And right below that is finalizing the calendar for next year's activities. So let's start at the bottom and work up from there.

Next year's activities will follow a similar pattern to this year's. The calendar (see other side) will also be posted on the Chapter web site (and updated as necessary) for your reference all year long. As in recent years we'll have two work weekend trips to Oshkosh (May and June), two picnics (June and August), two Young Eagles Days (June and September), and two days of pancake breakfasts, both on one weekend in July, just before *Airventure 2009*. We are also planning two local field trips. A visit to the B-17 restoration project in Marengo (March) and to McHenry to the flying field of the Chain-O-Lakes Eagles (April). Given good weather. some of us may get a chance to try flying one of these nimble radio controlled aircraft. Details of these events will be covered as they move closer.

Moving closer to the present, the **January 10th meeting** will be a special event: a mini-ground school covering ski-plane flying and, time permitting, tail dragger flying both presented by EAA 932 member Dan Johnson. Dan is expecting lots of white stuff covering the ground this winter and will be providing instruction in his Cub mounted on skies once the weather turns cold. Attending January's meeting will give you a good view of what's involved and will save you some time if you wish to pursue these types of activities.

At the **December 13th meeting** we'll be viewing an aviation film that I consider a Hollywood classic: *The Dawn Patrol*. I first saw this film in 1938. It is a remake of a 1921 film of the same name and the first aviation film that I can remember seeing. *The Dawn Patrol* focuses on the activities of a British flying squadron during WW I and the days when the Red Baron commanded the skies. At that time and for many years after I considered it only a great action film, which it is. But in my later years, my understanding of flying and history tell me it is a highly realistic look at the conditions that the early airmen experienced as aircraft first became a weapon of war. The film stars Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone and David Niven; each in what could be considered one of their finest dramatic performances. Many aviation history books comment on the high causality rates suffered by combat aviation units during what was then called "the war to end all wars." Few of those books commented on the psychological pressures affecting the aviators and the men who commanded them.

NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

At the November 8th EAA 932 meeting, the election of officers results were: Secretary, **Ron Twinn** and Treasurer, **Dean Marcott**. Special recognition is due departing Treasurer Dave Spitzbart who served in that capacity for the past five years.

FULL INFO ON THE 406 ELT

http://www.aopa.org/members/files/pilot/2008/blind0810.html

STEVE MARK'S GALT AIRPORT PHOTO STUDY

EAA 932 member, Steve Mark is wrapping up his in-depth photo study in black and white of Galt Airport and it's people.

Steve's work has already caught the attention of the EAA and AOPA. Mike Difrisco of the EAA has posted a dozen of Steve's photos on their web site's on-line photo gallery. Their take on it is as follows: "Photographer Steve Mark has been busy crafting a black and white photo study of Galt Airport (K10C) in northern Illinois, a classic country aerodrome with a real family atmosphere."

Here's the link - http://www.eaa.org/photos/

Boyer explains impact of presidential TFRs

By AOPA Communications staff at www.aopa.org 12-1-08

Chicago residents are just beginning to come to grips with what it means to them to have the President of the United States living in their hometown. Local reporters are exploring the impact of presidential security arrangements.

One reporter, WMAQ-TV's Phil Rogers, looked into what having a presidential vacation home in a major metropolitan area would mean to aviation. Rogers is himself a pilot and well versed in general aviation issues.

Security officials and the FAA currently impose a 2-nautical-mile-radius temporary flight restriction (TFR) from the surface up to 3,000 feet when President-elect Barack Obama travels. But with AOPA President Phil Boyer's help, Rogers looked at what might happen if security officials follow the policy currently in place over President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas.

It is important to note that President-elect Obama has not decided where to vacation while president, nor have the security agencies decided what measures will be needed.

Using graphics and cold hard numbers, Boyer and Rogers explained the effect a 10-nm GA no-fly zone and 30-mile "squawk and talk" zone would have on the Chicago area if Obama maintained his current home as his vacation spot throughout his presidency: 21 airports and more than 1,600 based aircraft.

"The Secret Service protective detail has only one job, and they do it extremely well," said Boyer. "But hopefully Phil Rogers's story shed some light for them, the people of Chicago, and perhaps even the Obama transition team, on what continuing the current policy might mean."

(Hang onto your hats! - Ed.)

New TSA approved aircraft anti-theft device

2008/2009 CHAPTER CALENDAR

CHECK www.eaa932.org for latest updates

DEC 13 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM: *Dawn Patrol*
JAN 10 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM: Ski Plane Flying GS
FEB 14 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM: Valentine's Day
PASTA POT-LUCK Hangar Party, 5:30 PM
MAR 14 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM: Visit B-17 project
APR 11 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM: Visit R/C flyers field
Apr 21-26 SUN'nFUN http://flairmuseum.com/content/
MAY 1-3 OSKOSH WORK WEEKEND
MAY 9 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM
JUN 7 VINTAGE AIRCRAFT FLY-IN PICNIC
JUN 13 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM + YOUNG EAGLES
Jun 26-28 OSKOSH WORK WEEKEND
JUL 11 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM
Jul 25-26 ENROUTE TO OSH FLY-IN BREAKFASTS
JUL 27 TO AUG 2 AIRVENTURE 2009
http://www.airventure.org/
AUG 8 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM

AUG 30 END OF SUMMER PICNIC FLY-IN
SEP 12 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM + YOUNG EAGLES
OCT 10 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM + CHILIFEST 5:30
NOV 14 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM Election of officers
DEC 12 EAA 932 meeting 10 AM

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GALT AIRPORT EVENTS: www.galtfestivals.com

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2009
EAA 932 Meetings 2nd Saturdays @ 10 AM
Young Eagles Jun 14, Jul 13, Sep 13 or by appt. any time. Contact anyone in box below.

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